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Sheena Allen	Instafunds/Sheena Allen Apps sheenaallenapps.com @SheenaAllenApps	Byram, Mississippi	InstaFunds is a finance app that allows users to not only keep up with their transactions per account(s) but also associate photos per transaction. This makes it easier for users to refer back to a transaction and the receipt or product purchased with the transaction. The paid app has grown from 50 downloads to more than 15,000 monthly users.
Al Barnett	Control Flo Medical	Union Springs, Alabama	The ResQ Non-Bladder Invasive Catheter is an innovative urinary blockage and drainage system that restores voluntary control of urination. The product is for the treatment of urinary incontinence, which can be caused by urinary structural disease, nerve damage, prostate problems, surgical complications, disabilities, and other problems. The ResQ Catheter is a new option in terms of patient comfort, security, and ease of use.
Claire Bruce	Sloan + Themis sloanandthemis.com @SloanThemis	Cape Girardeau, Missouri	Sloan+Themis specializes in handcrafted luxurious jewelry inspired by the traditions of the South. Each piece of jewelry is made in-house at the atelier, taking special care to keep in mind the woman who will wear it. Each piece is constructed to be a treasure passed down to the next generation. Sloan+Themis emphasizes the craftsmanship and the quality of the materials in crafting premiere jewelry.
Brian Edwards	Well Done POS welldonepos.co @OpenRPOS	Memphis, Tennessee	Well Done Systems has developed a new restaurant point of sale (POS) software and provides cloud hosting, and back office tools to support functions such as reporting, inventory management, time and attendance, and employee management.





Ela Emami	Care2Manage care2manage.org @Care2Manage	Memphis, Tennessee	Care2Manage is a robust, full-featured, web-based caregiver-focused technology that allows the personal support provider (professional caregiver, case manager, or nurse) to be fully integrated with the caregiver's day-to-day life. The technology interfaces with any electronic medical record system or patient portal to ensure a complete picture of diagnoses, lab values, important health alerts, and physician recommendations.
Winfield Ezell	Obsidian Creative Studios Obsidian Creative Studios on Vimeo	Northport, Alabama	Obsidian Creative Studios tells stories through short films with global impact and underlying themes of diversity, positivity, and community that appeal across generational, racial, and socioeconomic boundaries, particularly to an often-underserved and underrepresented African-American population.
Emily Gaddis	Gator and Crane @GatorandCrane	New Orleans, Louisiana	Gator and Crane is a grocery store that closes the loop on food waste and single-use packaging. Its mission is to incentivize healthy and sustainable living for all by increasing customers' purchasing power and divert trash from landfills and oceans by exchanging household waste for store credit.
Peter Grumbles	Bluff City BBQ Supply bluffcitybbqsupply.com @bluffcitybarbq	Memphis, Tennessee	Bluff City BBQ Supply manufactures and distributes all the food and supplies for delicious BBQ for those with a more sophisticated palate: BBQ sauce and rubs; BBQ tools, and tailgating supplies; custom-built smokers and grills; and BBQ catering. Bluff City products can currently be purchased online or in eight stores in east Arkansas and the Greater Memphis region.





Maria Hampton	makePAPER @yesmariayes	Little Rock, Arkansas	makePAPER has developed technology that helps major brands engage a younger customer base through online, competitions. The application connects brands to users via social media (meeting them where they already are), providing a simple dashboard to manage these competitions with a built-in targeted audience of "mobile first" youth and young adults as monitors and advisors.
Charlie Helms	WiFi Streaming Network wsnlive.com @WiFiSports	Flowood, Mississippi	WiFi Streaming Network, WSN, provides clients with live video streaming capabilities. WSN works with high schools and junior colleges to use live video streaming as a means of revenue generation for their schools, providing the tools and technology to live stream sporting events, graduations, plays, band competitions, newscasts, and other school events.
Jeff Howell	Howell's Service Center	Marion Junction, Alabama	Building off of his experience as an electrician and welder, Jeff Howell develops products that address common challenges for active people. Howell's Service Center has developed a zeroturn lawn mower that eases yard work and a specialized trailer system that helps drivers back up trailers without jack-knifing.
Varun Kopparthy	PathoRADAR	Ruston, Louisiana	PathoRADAR is a biotechnology research and development company focused on the development and commercialization of a fast, easy-to-use, low-cost, and portable pathogen detection system. The technology currently focuses on detecting food contamination and can be scaled into other markets ranging from agriculture, medical, and bio-defense industries.





Martin McCurtis	The Momentum Dryer momentumdryer.wix.com @DryerMomentum	Jackson, Mississippi	The Momentum Dryer is the first conceptual change in hooded hair dryers since it was patented in 1890. It relieves the discomfort of hot air blowing into the breathing space of users. It dries in half the time and encourages less perspiration on the user's scalp. The best thing to happen to users of hooded hair dryers in 125 years!
Flor Serna	Electric Girls electricgirls.org	New Orleans, Louisiana	Electric Girls is an experiential education program that provides young girls and young women with an open, creative, and motivating environment to manipulate and create at the intersection of technology and the arts. Electric Girls demystifies otherwise daunting subjects (basic electronics, circuitry and signal flow, and programming) and prepares girls with specific and retainable concepts that they can carry with them through the STEM pipeline.
Jason Stinnett	eVestweb evestweb.com @eVestweb	Jonesboro, Arkansas	eVestweb is a social network for stock market investors that will create a forum for users to speak candidly about a stock and gain valuable feedback from others. eVestweb seeks to eliminate many of the common pain points for investors with forums, featured blogs, and investor education.
Colby Williams	Parengo Coffee parengocoffee.com @ParengoCoffee	Sikeston, Missouri	Parengo Coffee is a small family-owned coffee roaster with cafes in Sikeston, Missouri. They offer comfortable settings, community events, and great wholesale support, in addition to speciality drinks and snacks. In the next five years, Parengo plans to spread their stores and original products throughout Southeast Missouri.





Alabama Launchpad alabamalaunchpad.com @AlaLaunchpad	Birmingham, Alabama	Alabama Launchpad (ALP) was created in 2005 by the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama to promote innovation and reward Alabama's highgrowth, innovative startup businesses. The Launchpad has long been a leading capital supporter of proof-of-concept and seed round funding but has broadened its efforts to support cutting-edge research and start and sustain businesses that will create high-tech, high-wage of jobs for Alabamians.
Arkansas Venture Center venturecenter.co @VentureCenter	Little Rock, Arkansas	The Venture Center supports the Little Rock and Central Arkansas ecosystem by nurturing and cultivating an interconnected, regional entrepreneurial community, which fosters collaboration and cooperation between organizations and programs that support startups and established businesses. The Venture Center offers the programs, the people and the place for turning ideas into real ventures in Central Arkansas.
Communities Unlimited communitiesu.org @CommunitiesU	Fayetteville, Arkansas	The product of a merger between Community Resource Group and alt.Consulting, Communities Unlimited works with under-resourced communities in seven states to build wealth and improve quality of life, combining the strengths of the two founding organizations' work with small businesses, entrepreneurs and community water and wastewater infrastructure systems. Communities Unlimited is striving to create a new model for changing the economic viability of communities across the South.
D.E.B.T.S. deltastate.edu/college- of-business/debts- program/	Cleveland, Mississippi	The Debt Education for Business Transformation and Sustainability (DEBTS) Program initiative at Delta State University uses a combination of technology and face-to-face visits to provide credit and debt management training and repair services to current and potential microentrepreneurs. The DEBTS program is a three-year program with 12 micro-entrepreneurs recruited each year to the program. Each participant attends eight training workshops and has a minimum of two consultations per month with a general consultant assigned to their project.





East Arkansas Planning and Development District eapdd.com @EAPDD	Jonesboro, Arkansas	EAPDD is a regional planning and development agency that serves 12 counties by promoting and supporting the economic development of the region. EAPDD provides gap financing to small, minority, and womanowned businesses to expand or relocate as well as connecting communities to the essential resources to grow and sustain business, including project development, grant management, cost-benefit analysis, and economic/fiscal impact studies to better serve growing entrepreneur community.
Elevate Entrepreneurship Systems elevateyouthbiz.com @mephampton	Little Rock, Arkansas	Elevate Entrepreneurship Systems develops student and community-based entrepreneurs with a unique system that shows community institutions how to support entrepreneurial activity among students and community members. Elevate delivers a combination of recruitment and training to support the development of a community's entrepreneurship ecosystem. Elevate then provides community members, educators, and economic developers with professional development training, online learning resources, and annual training certifications.
Foundation for the Mid South fndmidsouth.org	Jackson, Mississippi	Through the foundation's community development program area, it has invested in the entrepreneurial network across the Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi Deltas. Through partnership with local community-based organizations, they provide one-on-one business coaching and technical assistance; business education programs; accounting and bookkeeping support; web site development; credit counseling; capital access assistance; networking; and market access programs. The Foundation also works with partners to help would-be entrepreneurs access computers, fax & printers, high speed internet, business software, and conference room facilities.
Innov8 Acadia facebook.com/INNOV8 LA @INNOV8LA	Lafayette, Louisiana	INNOV8 is evolving into a series of impact designed to exploit opportunities and solve problems relevant to citizens and businesses throughout Acadiana. Multiple innovation pitch will be held throughout the year to allow budding entrepreneurs to share their ideas with the hope of securing funding and launching businesses.





Memphis BioWorks memphisbioworks.org @MemphisBioworks	Memphis, Tennessee	Memphis Bioworks is the Mid-South's go-to organization for creating companies, jobs and investments in bioscience. Memphis Bioworks has a well-established record of sparking new levels of economic vitality by investing in entrepreneurs, building state-of-the-art labs and facilities, and training the next generation of workers.
Mississippi Development Authority mississippi.org @mdaworks	Jackson, Mississippi	MDA's Entrepreneur Center provides Mississippi's entrepreneurs and small business owners with the knowledge and skills needed to build and maintain a successful business. The Entrepreneur Center team offers guidance on starting a business, developing a business plan, financing a business and marketing a business as well as specialized training to retail business and workshops around the state to provide small businesses and prospective owners with the technical assistance and knowledge needed for success.
Southern Bancorp Community Partners southernpartners.org @southernbancorp	Clarksdale, Mississippi	SBCP's core programs provide financial education and credit counseling, matched-savings accounts, and loans for small businesses. Small businesses owners with low and moderate incomes can take advantage of Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) that are matched three-to-one when used to start or expand a business. Additionally, SBCP's credit counselors regularly coach business owners in credit repair, and business planning in order to help prepare for SBCP small business loans.
Start Co. neverstop.co/accelerat ors/ @Start_Co	Memphis, Tennessee	Start Co. builds diverse early stage founders and their startups while lending startup programming to others that build talent. Start Co. accomplishes this by running diverse accelerator programs in four areas: information technology, women-led tech, social innovation, and logistics tech. Foundational to Start Co.'s efforts is inclusion to fill major gaps in the Memphis economy and increase participation in the Innovation Era.





University of Alabama Entrepreneurship Resource Network aern.cba.ua.edu	Tuscaloosa, Alabama	AERN enhances business development in rural underserved counties of Alabama by providing computer equipment, business software, business reference books, training, education, and research to business-centric agency directors and entrepreneurs so that businesses are started or expanded and jobs are created in rural Alabama. The network provides free outreach and education to Black Belt counties in established entrepreneurial centers.
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff - Economic Development and Research Center uapberdc.org @UapbBsi	Pine Bluff, Arkansas	The ERDC is a full-service community economic development outreach department that operates the UAPB Business Support Incubator and Office Complex. UAPB-BSI seeks to impact economic development and stimulate job creation by increasing the quantity and quality of successful small businesses in the Arkansas Delta by developing a life cycle-based system that supports and nurtures the development of small and disadvantaged businesses.
University of Memphis Crews Center for Entrepreneurship memphis.edu/crews/	Memphis, Tennessee	The Crews Center encourages and supports a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship within the University of Memphis, helping faculty and student entrepreneurs as they focus their passion to commercialize their research, ideas and inventions into the foundations of successful startup companies. The Center's world-class technology venture development lab provides flexible co-working space for current and aspiring entrepreneurs, furnished offices for visiting investors and mentors, lab areas for prototype development, and meeting rooms.